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SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS ATTACKS BANGLADESH CHARGES AT NAC

1. INDIAN PRESS AUGUST 19 AND 20 REACTED TO BANGLADESH CHARGES AGAINST INDIA AT COLOMBO. PRESS HIGHLIGHTED BHUTANESE KING'S PRAISE OF INDIA'S GOOD-NEIGHBOR POLICY COMPARING IT TO BANGLADESH PRESIDENT SAYEM'S IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF INDIA IN HIS STATEMENTS ABOUT THE FEAR WEAKER NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HAVE OF DOMINATION BY STRONGER NON-ALIGNED NATIONS. BANGLADESH PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WERE CARRIED AT SOME LENGTH IN THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY (SAMACHAR) DESPATCH.

2. IN A FRONTPAGE ARTICLE, THE "STATESMAN" AUGUST 20 HEAD-LINED: "BANGLADESH MAKES BASELESS CHARGES AGAINST INDIA." WHILE THERE WAS NO SURPRISE IN THE CHARGES AGAINST INDIA MADE BY ZIAUR RAHMAN AND SAYEM, THE PAPER SAID, THERE WAS SURPRISE THAT THEY CHOSE TO USE AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM TO DISCUSS A BILATERAL MATTER. "NO WONDER MRS. GANDHI CONSIDERED IT BELOW THIS COUNTRY'S DIGNITY TO ANSWER THE VAGUE AND BASELESS CHARGES LEVELED BY DACCA'S SPOKESMAN IN COLOMBO." THE STORY CONTINUED THAT THE OUTBURSTS AGAINST INDIA WERE INTENDED BY THE MILITARY REGIME IN DACCA TO DIVERT
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THE POPULATION FROM ITS DISCONTENT. THE HOSTING OF A

RECEPTION IN COLOMBO BY THE BDG ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF
MUJIB'S "MURDER" "COULD NOT HAVE GONE UNNOTICED IN
BANGLADESH." AND FINALLY, THE ARTICLE ATTACKED THE "GOVERNMENT-
CONTROLLED PRESS IN BANGLADESH" FOR CONTINUING ITS "SINISTER"
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